

SENATE BILL 572

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66,
Chapter 29, Part 1, relative to abandoned military
medals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-29-102, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Military medal" means any decoration or award that may be presented or awarded to a member of a unit of the armed forces or national guard.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 66, Chapter 29, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

66-29-155. The treasurer, upon receiving military medals, shall hold and maintain the military medals until the original owner or the owner's respective heirs or beneficiaries can be identified and the military medal returned. The treasurer may designate a veteran's organization or other appropriate organization as custodian of medals until the original owner or the owner's respective heirs or beneficiaries are located.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.